

LIFE OF JEREMIAH—HANDOUT #22

Jeremiah 29

Structure

True and False Prophets (Jeremiah 23-29)

General (chapters 23-25)

False “shepherds” (23, esp. 1ff.)

Symbolic Act (24 _____)

False “shepherds” (25, esp. 34ff.) _____ (vv. 11, 12)

Specific (chapters 26-29)

Narrative

(26, _____, _____, _____) _____ (20) _____(24)

Symbolic Act (27 _____)

Narrative

(28-29, _____, _____, _____, _____) _____ (29:10)
_____ (29:24) _____ (29:3)

Chronicle of Chaldean Kings (626-556 B.C.)

“In the seventh year, the month Kislev, the king of Akkad mustered his troops, marched to Hatti-land, and encamped against . . . the city of Judah and on the second day of the month Adar he seized the city and captured the king. He appointed there a king of his own choice . . . received its heavy tribute and sent (them) to Babylon” (D. J. Wiseman translation [1956] 73); Cf. 2 Kgs 24:10-17; 2 Chr 36:9-10; Jer 22:24-30; 24:1; 27:20; 37:1.

What is the date of Jeremiah’s letter?

What other letters are contained in this chapter?

What is the rôle of Elasah and Gemariah (v. 3)?

What is the content of the preaching of the false prophets in Babylon?

When do they predict the return from Babylonian exile will occur?

What irony is involved in this antithetical preaching of the true and false prophets?

Any further irony?

What is the fate of Ahab and Zedekiah?

Why?

Is this punishment found elsewhere in the Bible?

What is known about Zephaniah?

Discuss Shemaiah.

What is the eschatological portion of this chapter?

Eschatological Projection

Call me (29:12)
Listen (29:12)
All heart (29:13, people's)
Restore fortunes (29:14)
Gather (29:14, from nations)

Bring back (29:10, 14)

Eschatological Enlargement

33:3
Answer (33:3)
All heart (32:41, God's) ?Mirror
30:3, 18; 31:23, 44; 33:7, 11, 26
31:8, from remote parts of earth
31:10
32:37, from lands I have driven
30:3; 31:18; 32:37